



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Oct. 3	The Windy Tall Ship Field Trip
Oct. 4	Air Pollution Quiz
Oct. 7	Novel to Picture Book - Book Report Due
Oct. 7	Personal Narrative Writing Assignment Due

Dear Families,

Thanks to everyone for being flexible with our sailing field trip. A special thank you to those parents who helped chaperone.

Have you ordered your child's 5th grade t-shirt? Each year, 5th graders order special t-shirts which they wear on field trips and at the end of year transition picnic. The cost is \$11, in cash, or check payable to Heather Stone. Please turn in your form as soon as possible so that we can submit our order. A copy of the order form is on the 5th grade wiki.

Several parents have volunteered to help with our reading interventions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are still in need of help for math interventions. If you are available on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 10:25 - 10:45 and would like to help, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Reading Olympics is underway. See the Library section below for details. Reading Olympics is open to all 5th graders and we encourage all to participate.

Specials

Art - The Art Room blog is back! Please check out www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com. Here you can see what your student is learning about in Art, and see our artwork as well.

Music - We delayed the start of recorders to this week, because we did not have enough 5th graders who had brought recorders. We will definitely be starting recorders this week! Your child's grade will be affected if they do not have a recorder, so if you are new or have lost your recorder, the preferred method of payment is to [buy a recorder from the web store](#). If you cannot buy one from the web store, they are 5 dollars cash or check to District 97. Music link: <https://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/>

Spanish - Students recorded skits of their current story during class last week. They had fun watching each other act the story out! We will be having a short quiz on listening and reading comprehension this week. Students can still read the story to others for 10 extra points! www.mpoleski.blogspot.com

Library - This past week kicked off the start of our Reading Olympics program. Reading Olympics is a voluntary program open to all fifth grade students. We started the event with booktalks (short teasers for each book). Permission forms were given to all students interested in participating, and should be turned in to the library by Friday, September 30. More information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education - Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature

Unit Title/Theme

Taking a Stand

Enduring Understanding

Sometimes conditions or situations in life force people to take action.

Essential Question

What makes people take action?

Word Study Skill

Word Parts: Suffixes

Spelling: r controlled vowels

Comprehension Skill

Problem and Solution

Summarizing

BOOK REPORT DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.

Language Arts/Writing

Writing Assignment: Personal narratives are due on Friday, October 7th. If students were unable to finish typing in class, they may be asked to finish typing it either during study hall or at home. Our next writing assignment will be a persuasive essay.

Grammar Focus: We will continue to work on combining sentences using conjunctions and begin to look at the rules for writing complex sentences.

Math

Graded quizzes were returned to students today. This week, we will continue to work on multiplication of whole numbers and decimals. We will work on both the partial products and lattice methods for multiplication and there will be a multiplication quiz on Friday. Take a look at the SRB or the 5th grade wiki for an explanation of these methods. Better yet, have your child teach you!

Science

Students will have an air pollution quiz tomorrow. Students may use their review sheets for the quiz. This week, we will study the effects of water pollution on the environment. We will begin by looking at how acid rain affects plant growth.

Social Studies

Was Columbus a good guy or a bad guy? This week, students will begin to discuss and investigate different perspectives of history to understand how events affected different groups of people.

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